

Data in the Spotlight: Qualitative and mixed methods

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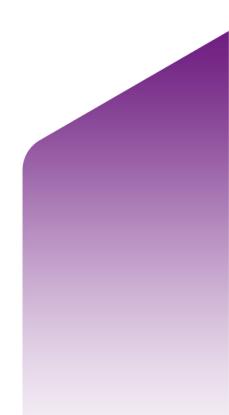
Overview

- What is the UK Data Service?
- Examples: qualitative mixed data.
- Finding and accessing data.
- Tips, resources, and help.
- Questions?



What is the UK Data Service?

- A comprehensive resource funded by the ESRC.
- A single point of access to a wide range of secondary social science data.
- Support, training and guidance.

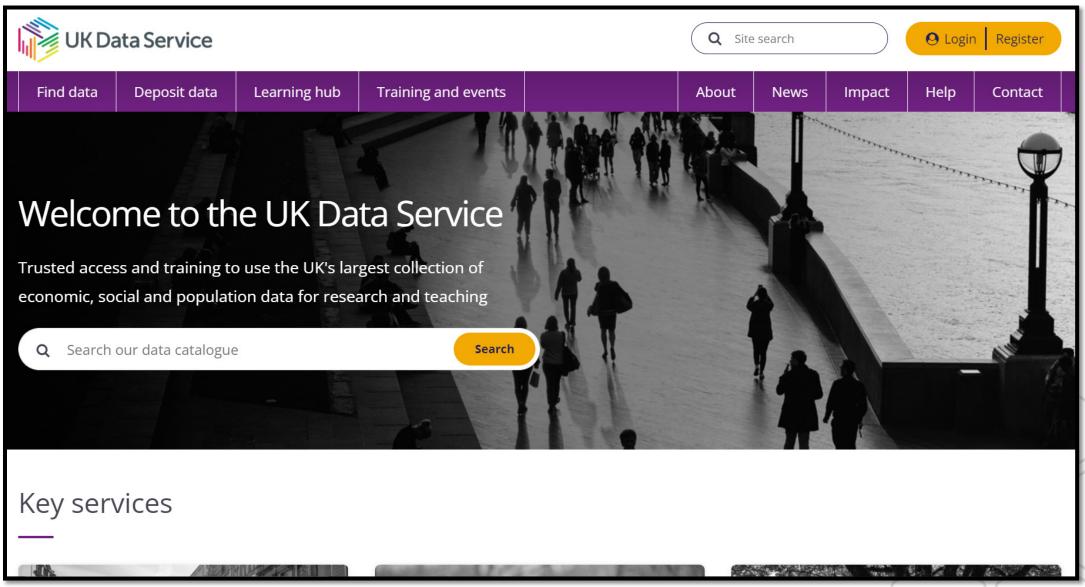


Who is it for?

- Academic researchers and students.
- Government analysts.
- Charities and foundations.
- Business consultants.
- Independent research centres.
- Think tanks.



UK Data Service (http://www.ukdataservice.ac.uk)



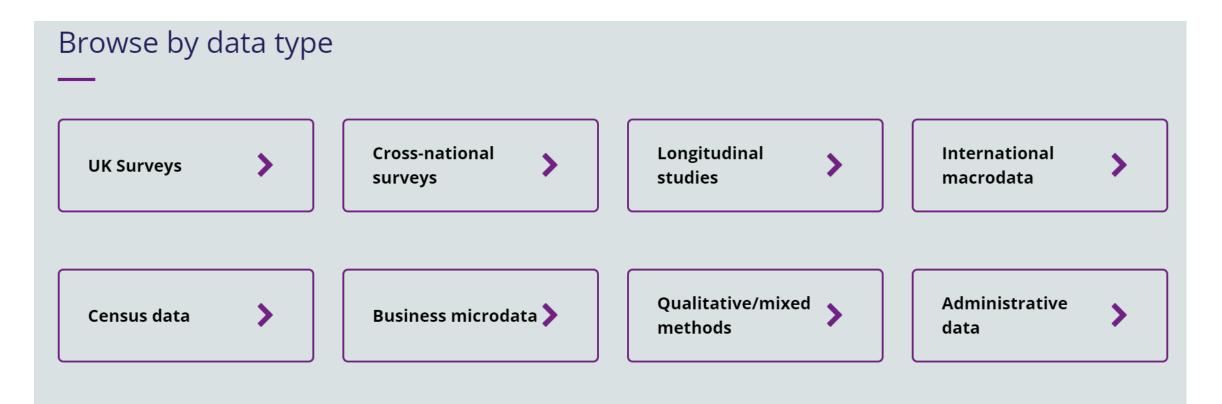
Types of data collections

- Survey microdata
 - <u>Cross-sectional</u>
 - Panel / Longitudinal.
- Aggregate statistics
 - International microdata.
- Census data
 - <u>Aggregate</u> data for 1971 -2011.
 - <u>Microdata</u> for 1991, 2001 and 2011.
- Qualitative and mixed methods data.

Sources of data

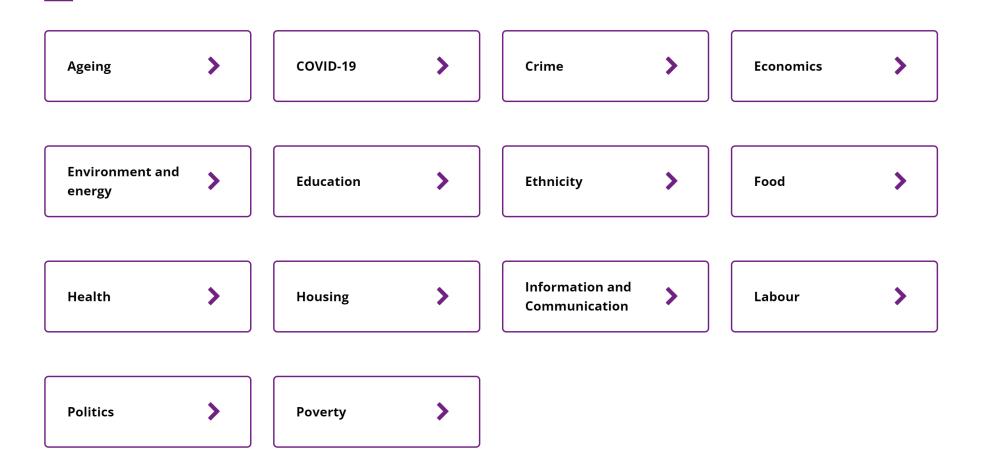
- Official agencies mainly central government.
- International statistical time series.
- Research institutions.
- Individual academics research grants.
- Market research agencies.
- Public records/historical sources.

Browse by data type



Browse by Theme

Browse by theme



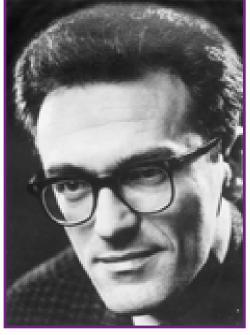
Key data: Qualitative and mixed

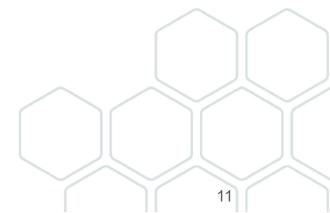
- Quality and capacity in inclusive research with people with learning disabilities (SN851891).
- Inter/generational dynamics (SN851890).
- Chronic Illness and Online Networking: expectations, assumptions, and everyday realities • <u>(SN851964).</u>
- Coalitional presidentialism in comparative perspective: minority executives in multiparty systems (SN852003).
- Family Life and Work Experience Before 1918 (SN2000). •



The Last Refuge (SN 4750)

- Peter Townsend conducted a major investigation of long-stay institutional care for old people in Britain in the late 1950s.
- In-depth interviews with 67 local authority chief welfare officers and with serving staff and residents of 173 institutions.
- Photographs and field notes about the condition of the buildings and the facilities were created.
- Diaries were also kept by a number of residents and staff.

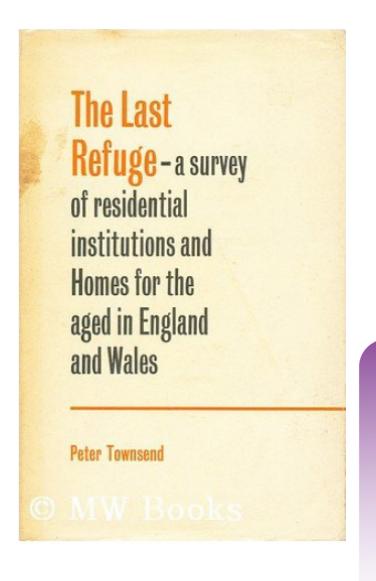






The Last Refuge: impact

- Pioneering use of qualitative data on old age, retirement, isolation, services, etc.
- Major policy implications by questioning whether long-stay institutions for the elderly were still needed.
- Also recommended improvements that institutions could adopt.



SN 4867: School Leavers Study

Principal investigator: Ray Pahl

In 1978, teachers at a comprehensive school on the Isle of Sheppey were asked to set an essay about 10 days before pupils were due to leave school. They were then asked to write an imaginary account of their life over the next 30 or 40 years.





Living and Working on Sheppey study

What Sheppey's young people said in 1978

141 essays (89 boys and 52 girls)

Mundane & grounded jobs.

Gradual career progression.

Periods of unemployment.

- "It was hard finding a job, I failed a few chances, but eventually got what I wanted locally, a craft apprenticeship" (Essay no.27, male).
- "I was on the dole for six months after leaving school, until I got a job in a garage" (Essay no.42, male).
- "I longed for something exciting and challenging. But yet again I had to settle for second best. I began working in a large clothes factory" (Essay no.104, female).

Cont..Living and Working on Sheppey study

What Sheppey's young people said about work in 2010 110 essays (55 boys and 55 girls)

Well-paid, instantaneous jobs.

Choice but uncertainty.

Influence of celebrity culture.

- "I was 20 now living the dream I had a amazing band...I had toured the world 3 times sold 4 million records" (Essay no.30, male)
- "I arrive at my 3-bedroom luxury villa; I land my helicopter on my own heli-pad and walk inside. I grab my keys and jump in my Bentley Continental GTS." (Essay no.40, male)
- "In my future I want to become either: a dance teacher, hairdresser, or a Professional Show Jumper/horse rider. If I do become a dancer my dream would be to dance for Beyoncé or someone really famous" (Essay no.61, female)

Cont...Living and Working on Sheppey study





Welcome to this website where you can find material from two research projects about the lsle of Sheppey!

Our latest work (2013-14) is a project called **Imagine Sheppey** which is about how young people imagine the future. This builds on our previous work in **Living and Working on Sheppey: Past, Present and Future** (2009-11) where we explored the history and changes in working lives on Sheppey in the last decades of the 20th century and into the 21st. You can find out about both projects here!

If you are curious about young people and wonder about how they see the world and themselves within it, and what they imagine their futures have in store for them, you might be interested in:

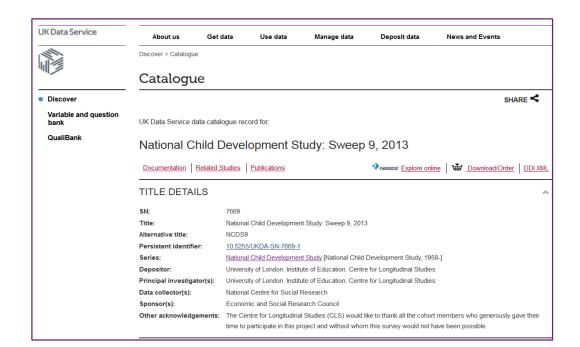
Our Imagine Sheppey Fast Forward video made by the artists, Tea – coming soon! Reading and listening to short essays written by young people in 2009-10 where they talk

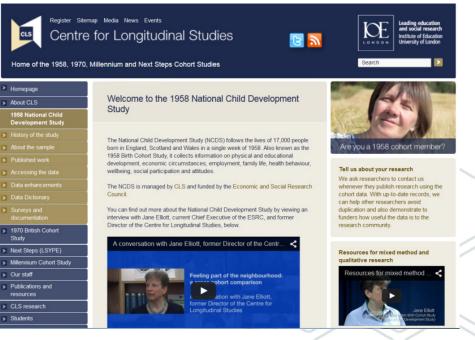
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Access to data

National Child Development Survey

- Follows lives of 17,000 people born in one week of 1958.
- Collects information on physical and educational development, economic circumstances, employment, family life, health behaviour, wellbeing, social participation and attitudes.





Cont...National Child Development Survey

In 1969, aged 11, children wrote essays about how they imagined their life would be like at age 25.

Over 500 essays.

Now possible to match with data on how their lives actually turned out...at 25, 45, and 55.

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Imagining a Gendered Future: Children's Essays from the National Child Development Study in 1969

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Abstract

This article uses material from a large sample of 11-year-old children's essays about their imagined lives at age 25 to explore the ways in which these children constructed a gendered identity and gendered future. These essays were written in 1969 as part of the National Child Development Study. The article provides a preliminary quantitative analysis of the themes within the children's essays and how these were patterned by gender and social class. It then goes on to consider the ways in which the children used gender as a resource to establish and maintain their own narrated identities. This article, therefore, aims to go beyond a simple description of the differences in the style and content of essays written by boys and girls from different social class backgrounds to conduct analysis which adopts the spirit of recent work on the performance of gender and class.

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Finding qualitative data

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	I: And your marital stat	tus? You're a widow, are you?					
	R: Yes.						
	I: Can you tell me what	t year you were married?					
	R: June 18th, 1938.						
	I: And the year when y	ou were born?					

	R: Oh yes, that was done. The Maypole dances.
Create citation	I: Where did they have the Maypole?
	R: Well of course I remember St. Osyth Priory - I lived just inside St. Osyth then you see, my father and mother moved from Angers Greer to - I told you about the barracks - we moved there when I was - not more than about two I suppose.
	I: And you lived on there for quite a while didn't you?
	R: I lived there 'til I got married. Yes.
	I: Why did they make that move?
	R: Well, of course they moved - lived in a house at Angers Green, I don't know who that belonged to but then of course as these barrack cottages became vacant I mean the farmer usually put his men in them you see. That was why my father moved 'cos-;
	I: It wasn't because he changed his employer?
	R: Oh no, the house went with the job you see.
	I: And at St. Osyth in Priory they used to have a Mayday do did they?
	R: Oh yes. Well they had - a lot of big do's there when I was a kid, I mean, I belonged to the Sunday school, I used to have all their treats there - their summer treats you know. And of course the woman then who had it - was a very rich woman you see those days, I mean they had about seventeen gardeners and - and seventeen or eighteen indoor staff.
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	Related audio
	Audio extract from Interview with Mr. Keble

Audio extract from Interview with Mr Keble

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Practical activity: Searching for data



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Examples of recent acquisitions

- SN 854275 <u>Visualising the lives of LGBTIQ Roma 2019-2020</u>
- SN 855476 Future of Legal Gender: Survey and Interview Data, 2018-2022
- SN 855486 Expert and Patient Descriptions of Premenstrual Syndrome, 2019-2020
- SN 856753 Diversifying Drone Stories, 2021-2023
- SN 856717 Exploring Children's Responses to Contemporary Biographies About Women, 2020
- SN 854795 Interviews with UK School Staff during the COVID-19 Pandemic, 2020
- SN 856452 Reimagining the Future in Older Age, 2020-2022
- SN 856152 <u>Children's Safeguarding Social Work Practitioners: Remote and Hybrid Working Practices and Experiences,</u>
 <u>2022</u>
- SN 9061 <u>Domestic Abuse Harnessing Learning Under COVID-19, 2021</u>
- SN 856665 Understanding the Lived Experience of Alcohol and Tobacco Environments, 2022-2023
- SN 855300 Ladcultures: Social Networking Sites, 'Laddism' and Young Masculinities, 2020-2021
- SN 853792 Reading the riots: interviews with people involved in the London riots 2011
- SN 855315 Pandemic Policing: Public Attitudes Towards Compliance and Organisational Resilience, 2020-2021
- SN 853485 Smarter homes: Experiences of living in low carbon homes 2013-2018
- SN 856517 Exploring Chinese International Students' Understanding and Experiences of Loneliness, 2022.

Accessing data

Access Options

OPEN

Available for download/online access under open licence without any registration.

•SAFEGUARDED

•Available for download / online access to logged-in users who have registered and agreed to an End User Licence; special agreements (e.g. depositor permission or approved researcher); embargo for fixed time period.

•CONTROLLED

•Available for remote or safe room access to authorised and authenticated users whose research proposal has been and who have received training.

Data access

- If you are at a UK University, you can use your own institutional username and password to log in and register with the UK Data Service.
- If you are not at a UK University you will have to <u>apply</u> for a UK Data Archive username and password.

Accessing data: registration

- Click on the 'login' link on the UK Data Service homepage.
- Click on 'login to the UK Data Service'.
- Find your University (or UK Data Archive) in the list of institutions and proceed to the login page.
- Enter your login details.
- Complete the registration form as a new user.
- Accept the End User Licence.
- Use the download/order link for the dataset you wish to access and create a project description.
- Download the data in your chosen format.

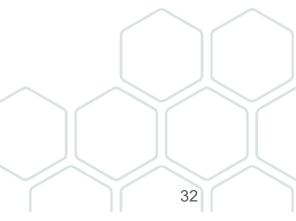
How to download data

Access data
The Data Collection is available to users registered with the UK Data Service.
Commercial use of the data requires approval from the data owner or their nominee. The UK Data Service will contact you.
Additional conditions of use apply:
National Child Development Study: Sweep 5, 1991
Additional Agreement on Conditions of Use
Confidentiality
l agree not to use nor attempt to use the Data Collections to identify the individuals from which the study sample was selected, nor to claim to have done so.
l agree not to link between the research identifiers supplied by the UK Data Service [NCDSID] and any other identifiers previously issued.
Download these data by adding them to your account. Explore these data online using Nesstar.

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Practical activity: Download data





Getting started

Orient yourself to the original research project

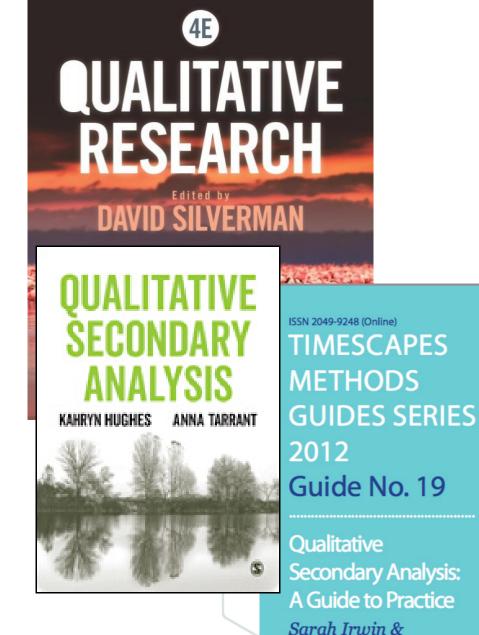
Documentation and metadata.

Understand the structure of the original data

- Context at 3 levels.
- Sampling and recruitment.

Become familiar with the project data as a whole

- Logic of subsampling is volume prohibits reading it all.
- Both inductive and deductive strategies can work.

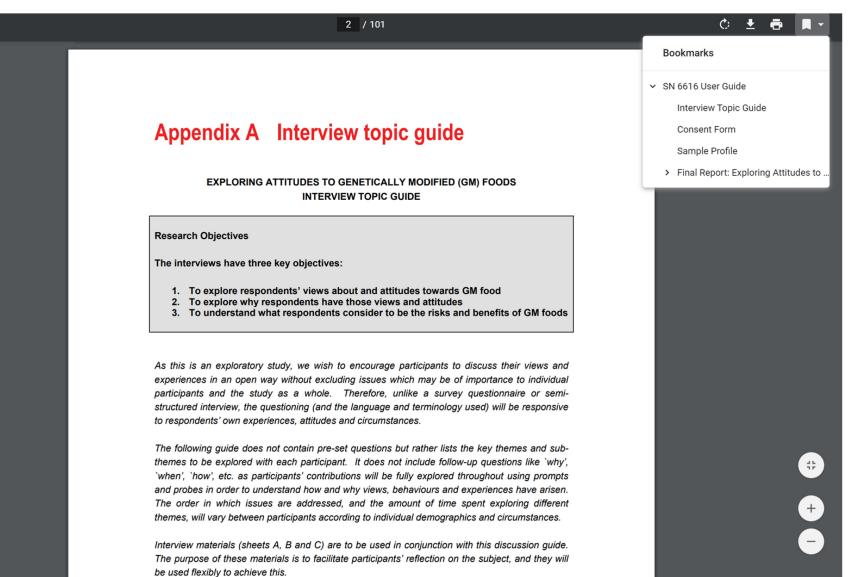


Mandy Winterton

Examples of qualitative documentation

- Interview topics, guides, prompts, or cue cards.
- Blank consent form, participant information sheet, or call for recruitment.
- Sampling strategy.
- Instructions for research team.
- Extracts from published work on methodology.
- Funding applications or ethics proposal.
- End of award reports.
- Research meeting minutes.
- Field notes/memos that form analysis.
- Draftwork of initial analyses.
- Codebooks or coding scheme.
- Project websites...

User Guide



Data list

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Study Number 6616 Attitudes to Genetically Modified Foods, 2009 Sheldon, R.

				Marital	Number of		No of	Text File
Interview ID	Age	Gender	Occupation	Status	Children	Interview Summary	Pages	Name
						Shopping and cooking habits; food safety; GM		
						organic; affects on our body, digesting		
						chemicals; messing with nature linked with		
						cancer & illnesses; genetically modified food and		
						its effects; animal testing; knowledge and		
			Healing - alternative		5 year old	awareness; food preparation-microwave, tinned		
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						Shopping and cooking habits; grows own		
						vegetables for better flavour; source of food;		
						food preservatives; agrees with modifying crops		
			Business development			but not additives and preservatives; cross		
			manager for a chemical			pollination; GM education; risks and benefits;		
p6240_interview_aa	~	Female	supply company	Co-habiting	none	provision of public information.	37	6616int02
						Shopping and cooking habits; food safety; use of		
						pesticides and impact on environment; provision		
p6240_interview_b	~	~	Zoology student	Single	none	of public information; risks and benefits.	31	6616int03
						Shopping and cooking habits; food safety;		
						preservatives, additives and allergies; attitudes		
			Council employee -			towards GM food, mistrust; risks and benefits;		
p6240_interview_bb	61	Female	housing	Married	two	provision of public information.	29	6616int04
						Shopping and cooking habits; food safety;		
						organic food; additives, animal testing;		
			Retired head of faculty,			preservatives and allergies; provision of public		
p6240_interview_c	~	Male	science and technology	Married	two	information; risks and benefits.	29	6616int05

Practical activity: Documentation





Useful tips: Advice for new users

We have webpages for new users that provide information on:

- How to find data with our search application Data Catalogue.
- How to register and access data.
- What kinds of data we hold.
- How you can get in touch.

Help - UK Data Service (https://ukdataservice.ac.uk/help/)



Get connected

UK Data Service

Jisc mail group

@UKDataService X (Formerly Twitter)

UK Data Service YouTube channel

Powerpoint slides will be available on our website in due course and you can catch up on the recording on our Youtube channel. Check out our Twitter for more updates.

Upcoming events

Recurring Workshops:

- Data management basics
- Ethical and legal issues in data sharing.
- Introduction to copyright: Copyright and publishing.
- Getting started with secondary analysis.
- Consent issues in data sharing.
- Computational social science drop-in.
- Data documentation.
- Depositing your data with ReShare.
- Safe researcher training.

For more information and registration, see our training and events page.

Other resources

- Workshops and user meetings (check our news and events pages).
- Provide advice on research data management planning and preservation.
- Have you used our data in a publication or in the classroom? Please tell us about it. We will add your bibliographic citation to Discover and we can help to promote and demonstrate the impact of your research or teaching by featuring you in a Case Study.
- Got a query? See our help pages and FAQs.





Thank you.

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